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1. BARBADIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY MRS. GERTRUDE EASTMOND, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE MRS. RITA PARRIS, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN AND SOROPTIMISTS AND MISS SONJA WELCH, A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ALGERNON SYMMONDS, PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, WILL ALSO ATTEND CONFERENCE.

2. MRS. EASTMOND WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT AND WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS EXCELLENT RELATIONS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE. MRS. PARRIS IS MIDDLE-AGED HOUSEWIFE WHO SOME TIMES GIVES IMPRESSION OF NOT BEING TOO BRIGHT, WHILE WELCH IS VERY JUNIOR OFFICIAL NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY TO ANYONE AT EMBASSY. SYMMONDS, AN ATTORNEY BY PROFESSION, IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, AND PERSONABLE, AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS U.S. AND AMERICANS.

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